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HIV CASES IN PARA MILITARY FORCES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether personnel of Para Military Forces (PMF) are exempted from compulsory AIDS/HIV test in the country;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether a large number of PMF personnel are suffering from AIDS/HIV;

(d) if so, the total number of such cases reported during each of the last three years, as on date, force-wise, rank-wise;

(e) the number of jawans who have died due to such disease during the said period, force wise, rank-wise;

(f) whether the Government has made any study to find out the main factors responsible for such increasing trend among jawans of PMF; (g) if so, the details thereof; and (h) the remedial measures taken by the Government to check such increasing trend?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): There is no compulsory testing of Central Para Military Force personnel for HIV/AIDS as per the National AIDS Prevention and Control Policy.

(c) & (d): The numbers of HIV/AIDS cases detected through voluntary testing during the last three years force-wise, rank-wise is attached as Annexure-I.

(e): The Force-wise, rank-wise number of CPF personnel died due to HIV/AIDS is attached as Annexure-II.

(f) to (h): Lack of awareness regarding the mode of transmission of this infection is stated to be the primary reason for its spread. Measures have been taken for prevention from HIV/AIDS in accordance with Action Plan prepared by the Ministry, under the guidance of a high level Task Force.